

10. (Amended) [The] A semiconductor device [according to claim 8, further] comprising:

a plurality of semiconductor chips installed on a support substrate; [and]  
a wire connecting said plurality of semiconductor chips with each other and  
having a passive component function; and

a dummy wire fixed to a prescribed potential and arranged to be opposed to said wire at a prescribed interval, wherein said wire is combined with said dummy wire to form a capacitor.

11. (Amended) The semiconductor device according to claim [8] 9, wherein said wire is formed either in a single layer or in two layers.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present applications. Claims 12-22 stand allowed while claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8 and 11 stand rejected. Claims 4, 7, 9 and 10 are indicated as having allowable subject matter but are objected to for depending from a rejected base claim. In particular, claims 1-3, 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC §102 as anticipated by Pfizenmayer et al while claims 8 and 11 stand rejected under 35 USC §102 as anticipated by Weinberg.

In response, Applicants have incorporated the limitations of claims 5 and 7 within claim 1 so that claim 1 includes allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claims 5 and 7 have been cancelled.

Claim 4 has been recast in independent form by incorporating the limitations of claims 1 and 3.

Applicants have recast both claims 9 and 10 in independent form by incorporating the limitations of parent claim 8 (which has, therefore, been cancelled). Claim 11 has been amended to depend from claim 9.

By way of these amendments, all independent claims have been rewritten to incorporate subject matter previously indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Similarly, all dependent claims now incorporate subject matter indicated as allowable. In view of these amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC 102 of claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8 and 11 as well as the objections to claims 4, 7, 9 and 10.

Applicants note that Office Action Summary Sheet does not acknowledge priority under 35 USC 119 nor receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents. Applicants included such a claim and priority documents at the time of filing on March 19, 2001. Applicants respectfully request clarification of the Official Record by acknowledging the claim to foreign priority and receipt of the priority documents.

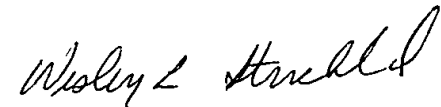
#### SUMMARY

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants believe that all remaining claims are in condition for allowance and passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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